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Title: SYSTEM, METHOD AND SOFTWARE FOR ACQUIRING, STORING AND RETRIEVING ELECTRONIC TRANSACTIONS

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended)   A method comprising:

two or more different <u>software</u> systems producing electronic data relating to a transaction involving documentation communicated in an electronic form;

processing copies of the electronic data to identify electronic documentation items and at least one key value associated with an electronic documentation item;

using the <u>at least one</u> key value to look up a transaction identifier associated with the transaction<u>, wherein the transaction includes one transaction identifier and two or more associated key values</u>;

indexing the documentation items according to <u>the at least one</u> key value and transaction identifier;

archiving the documentation items in a data storage system or device; and

logging <u>one or more of</u> a date ~~and/or~~ <u>and</u> time associated with at least some of the documentation items.

2. (Currently Amended)   A data structure stored in storage medium, comprising:

a transaction specification database that contains specifications and schema for one or more transaction types and key values of each transaction type;

a life cycle Index table that contains the key values of the processed transactions and ~~the~~ assigned life cycle IDs for the key values;

an archive database that contains the archived documents or items and their life cycle IDs; ~~and~~

a log detail database that provides chronological order to transactions by logging and time stamping each transaction parsed<u>; and</u>

<u>wherein:</u>

<u>transaction data stored within the data structure is associated with transactions,</u> <u>and</u>

data associated with a single transaction and stored in each of the transaction specification database, the life cycle Index table, the archive database, and the log detail database is searchable in a single query.

3. (Currently Amended)   A system comprising:

a first interface used to couple the system with a first external system producing first electronic data relating to a transaction involving documentation communicated in an electronic form, wherein the first electronic data includes at least a first key value;

a second interface used to couple the system with a second external system producing second electronic data relating to the transaction, wherein the second electronic data includes at least a second key value; and

wherein the system is operable to:

process copies of the first and second electronic data to identify electronic documentation items and at least one key value associated with an electronic documentation item;

use the key value to look up a transaction identifier associated with the transaction;

index the documentation items according to key value and transaction identifier;

archive the documentation items; and

log one or more of a date and/or and time associated with at least some of the documentation items.